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PIKE'S PEAK.

The Interior Journal Man Climbs an Exceeding High Mountain.

Views the Landscape Over and Eats a 75 Cents Sandwich.

HOW HE GOT THERE, WHAT HE SAW, &c.

Just as Old Sol was peeping over the mountains surrounding Denver, I took passage on the Denver & Rio Grande for Pike's Peak, to look upon as well as stand upon one of the wonders of which I have heard and read about for almost a quarter of a century. The distance is about 100 miles and the scenery between the two points is indescribably grand. For the most part the railroad runs parallel with a chain of the Rockies and as the traveler views on one side the lofty heights he can on the other see a beautiful and clear stream of water meandering along through lovely green pastures. On one side he looks upon snow-covered mountain peaks, on the other a portion of the country "where verdure and blossom never fade and fields are eternally fair."

Colorado Springs is the first stop of importance on this scenic route and there a stop of 20 minutes is given that the tourist may have an opportunity of seeing the large and commodious hotel and the exquisitely kept grounds. Colorado City, only a short distance from the Springs, is a town of some 8,000 inhabitants and quite a business center. The Springs hotel is probably the finest building used for that purpose west of the Mississippi River and it is worth the sight-seer's time to go through it.

A ride of 10 miles farther and Manitou Springs is reached. Manitou is at the foot of Pike's Peak and is a summer resort of no small importance. There is great efficacy in the waters, it is claimed, and the town is crowded with guests seven months of the year. Years ago, before the red man was driven from Colorado, it was a resort for them. Here it was they brought their sick and wounded to partake of the wonderfully beneficial waters and they well knew if the Great Father had not destined them to soon go to the Happy Hunting Ground, that sooner or later their emaciated body would yield to the helpful influences exerted on every side. Manitou is a delightful place and the climate is superb. Built after English style, the houses are all unique and handsome and the yards, which as a general thing are filled with flowers, present an appearance unequalled in the West.

A mile above Manitou is the Manitou & Pike's Peak depot and there the wonderful little train is taken for the top of the Peak. Pike's Peak is 14,147 feet above the sea level, but to reach it by this marvelously constructed road nine miles are necessary. The track is built after the regular order, but between the rails are a couple of rack rails, which form a continuous track upon which the 10 different cogs of the locomotive operate. Cogs on the passenger coach, in which there are seats for 52 persons, work in the rack rails as the engine does and it is claimed that the road is even safer than the ordinary railroad. It takes two hours and 20 minutes to reach the top and the descent is made in an hour and 15 minutes. The grade is probably the heaviest in the world—2 1/2 miles having 25 per cent. or, 1,320 feet to the mile. This looks like an impossibility to those who have not seen the road, but the above figures are correct, as those who have taken the trip will attest. The fare for the round-trip—18 miles—is \$5, which, considering the immense amount of money spent in building the road, is reasonable enough.

Snow, a couple of inches deep, covered the Peak Sunday and to myself it was a "freeze out" sure enough, as I was foolish enough to leave my overcoat at home. The temperature was 27° and a cold wind was blowing. Think of the Kentuckian with coat, pants and flannel shirt his entire apparel! It didn't last long, however, for the chattering of my teeth attracted the attention of a dear old lady, who loaned me a heavy shawl, which no doubt saved my life. The shawl was a red-striped one and rather fancy, but as it was comfort and not looks I was caring for, I wore it and shall ever remember the good lady who helped me in that hour of trouble.

The view from Pike's Peak is "grand, gloomy and peculiar." Hundreds of miles can be seen with the naked eye, but 'tis not within the power of this lowly pen to describe the grandeur and sublimity of the scene, and hence I desist. Suffice it to say no grander view can be had than Pike's Peak affords and those who have not sought its lofty heights should take advantage of the first opportunity to do so.

The Peak is covered with rocks of various sorts and sizes and reminds me to some extent of "Hell's Half Acre" in Arkansas. The top is way above the timber line, consequently there is not a sign of life. The old signal service station, which is now used as a lunch room,

is the only building on the Peak and that with a grave with the following inscription on the tombstone, are the only works of hand there:

ERIN O'KEEFE,
Daughter of
John and Nora O'Keefe,
Who Was Eaten by
Mountain Rats in
1876.

The sudden change in the temperature from the foot to the top of Pike's Peak frequently makes the sight-seer sick and the sickness that results is said to be fearful while it lasts. A number of those who went up as I did "had it bad" and "New York" was a familiar sound. There was a bridal couple in the crowd and both got deathly sick. It was a pitiable sight indeed and the good I did who loaned me the shawl, assisted by my own expert hands, did all in power to help the unfortunate pair. Pike's Peak is a wonder indeed and all who can should take advantage of the opportunity of seeing it, but young men, contemplating matrimony, take this bit of advice: Don't include a trip there in your wedding tour.

I had been warned not to make many purchases while either at Manitou or up on the Peak, but feeling a little shaky from the cold blasts, I concluded a cup of coffee and a sandwich would do me good. The cups are not the old fashioned coffee ones that we used to have at the old homestead, nor are the sandwiches either as large or as rich as they are even at Junction City, but when they cost, I threw down a silver dollar and got back 25 cents. Supposing the waiter had made a mistake, I informed him that I had given him a "slug," when he politely told me he had given back the right change, 25 cents, but that he would give me another sandwich if I didn't want the money. I was "full up" and couldn't have eaten a sandwich more if I had been paid. Having a little spare time, I thought a letter to some friend, written from the top of America's wonder would be a pretty nice thing and I asked the clerk for a sheet of paper and an envelope. The envelope was stamped and I remarked to the clerk that that was very clever, when, extending his hand, he told me that the price was a quarter. I didn't write. A sleeping car porter or a Vanderbilt might pay such prices for stationery, but I was too well posted on the price of such things to do so, hence my friend was deprived of the letter.

After returning from Pike's Peak I spent a day or so in Denver and had a good opportunity to see that thriving city. A great deal of building is going on, and on every side the stranger sees something that impresses him with the indomitable energy that is possessed by the Western man. The capitol building which is in erection will be a "daisy" and an ornament to the city. Built of white stone so closely resembling marble and having a commanding site, it will be pointed to with pardonable pride by the citizens of that State who know not how to do things by halves.

A day and night in Kansas City was spent very pleasantly indeed and was convincing of the fact that the once great boom town is not near so dead as some claim. True there are a good many buildings bearing placards "For Rent," but there is a great amount of business going on and the real estate owners are said to be in fine spirits.

I also stopped for awhile in St. Louis and took in the sights of that city. The town is most too big a subject for me, however, I will not dwell on it. It is a great city though and one might stay there for month's and see new sights each day.

With good connections, splendid railroad facilities and propitious weather my trip has been a delightful one and one not soon to be forgotten. To Mr. W. W. Penn, the hustling traveling passenger agent of the L. & N., I am due many thanks for letters of introduction and other substantial favors and to those who have read these feeble productions I bow in acknowledgement of their kindness. E. C. W.

—Twenty or more people were instantly killed, nine seriously injured, and a score bruised and shaken up in a terrible wreck near Statesville, N. C., Thursday morning, on the Western North Carolina road. The rails spread on a high bridge and a passenger train fell 65 feet into a deep creek. It was only by heroic work that many of the wounded were saved from drowning.

—A feud between the Jarvis and Kendall families, of Scott county, culminated in an encounter on the streets of Georgetown Thursday. Milt Kendall, Jr., shot and killed John Jarvis, and Milt Kendall, Sr., shot and killed A. J. Montgomery, the coroner, in no way identified with the trouble, and then fatally wounded Burrell Jarvis. The remaining Jarvis brother escaped by hiding. The Kendalls were finally jailed, but for an hour they had the town at their mercy, the marshal being afraid to get from under cover. The trouble arose over the Kendalls charging the Jarvis with destroying their watermelon patch.

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—FOR SALE.—43 ewes and one buck, S. P. Stage.

—A good high grade cow and calf for sale cheap. J. C. McClary.

—Four thorough-bred Southdown bucks for sale. G. A. Benedict, Stanford.

—A lot of 1,200-pound cattle at 4¢ and another of 1,000 pounds at 3¢ sold in Bourbon.

—Beggley Bros. sold Eld. J. Q. Montgomery a male calf for \$52.50 and a milk cow for \$30.

—William Gooch sold to J. S. Robinson, of Garrard, a pair of 3-year-old mare mules for \$300.

—R. F. Hayden sold to C. M. Jones 11 head of good, short 2-year-old cattle, to be delivered Oct. 1, at 3.15.

—Harry Carroll, a negro boy, was kicked to death by G. & C. P. Cecil's Boulanger, in Boyle, Friday.

—J. E. Bruce bought for J. L. Yantis a lot of feeding hogs of Mrs. Broadus, Barnett, Hopper and others at 3¢ to 4 cents.

—It is expected that 500,000 bushels of bushels of wheat will be harvested from the Dalrymple farm near Casselton, N. D.

—Great damage was done the crops in North Dakota Wednesday night by frost. In some places the thermometer registered the freezing point.

—Mr. A. M. Pence's great trotting stallion, Pence, won a couple of races in Illinois last week, one at Champagne and the other at Clifton.

—At Independence, Ia., Monbars, the sensational 2-year-old Kentucky trotter, lowered Regal Wilkes' stallion record of 2:30 1/2 to 2:20. Direct, 2:18 1/2 trotter, paced a mile 2:09 1/2.

—G. B. Barnett sold to Tilford Alexander and Dr. G. A. Traylor 60 ewes for December delivery at \$4.70 per head. He also sold to same parties a lot of 950-pound slop cattle at 2¢.

—At Independence, Iowa, Thursday, the \$5,000 race for five-year-olds was won in straight heats by the great Lexington mare, Nancy Hanks, beating Alerton and Margaret S. The time, 2:12 1/2 and 2:12, is the fastest of any on record for three heats of a race.

—His Highness won the great futurity stakes, worth over \$75,000, at Sheephead Bay, Saturday, in 1:15 1/2, Yorkville Belle 24, Dayton 31. The courts held that Corrigan's colt, Huron, should start and he ran second. The judges, however, refused to recognize the horse.

—The tobacco never looked better than at the present time and if not caught by a premature frost, will make a large yield. F. P. James sold to D. J. Curry & Roe 19 yearling males for \$2,000. These Mr. James has bought of various parties in the last three weeks at prices ranging from \$35 to \$75.—Harrodsburg Democrat.

—Booth Thompson has made engagements for two car-loads of hogs for September delivery at 4 to 2 1/2 cents, and sold H. B. Campbell 10 choice Southdown buck lambs at \$7. Some sales of rye were made in Lancaster on last Monday at 75 cents. We are told the supply is very short in the county. H. B. Campbell sold a nice bunch of ewes, 80 head, last Saturday, at \$4.25 per head.—Lancaster Record.

—The Missouri Alliance rejected the sub-treasury scheme by a decisive vote.

GRAB ORCHARD.

—Rev. K. D. Noakes has been allowed a pension by the treasury-looters at Washington.

—Wanted to sell at once—3 good work mules, 7 years old, 16 hands high. Address W. M. Stuart, Crab Orchard, Ky.

—The W. C. T. U. will meet at Mrs. W. T. Stephenson's Saturday afternoon and all members are requested to be present.

—Mrs. Wells, National temperance advocate, will be here Sept. 8th and 9th and deliver two lectures at the Baptist church and at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the 9th, the W. C. T. U. will give an entertainment.

—Rev. M. P. Morgan is attending conference this week at Harrodsburg. W. A. Brooks was in town Sunday, but left immediately for Stanford to see his best girl. Miss Lizzie Heron has returned from Brodhead.

—A dancing party given by Mr. and Mrs. Dad Holmes Friday night in honor of their guest, Miss Lizzie Heron, of Brodhead, was attended by quite a number of the trippers-of-the-light-fantastic and proved a very enjoyable affair.

—Miss Julia Anderson, aged 21, daughter of Mr. Garrard Anderson, a citizen of the Epseus neighborhood, died Thursday of that wasting disease, consumption, with which she had been visibly affected for years. She was buried Friday at Epseus churchyard.

—There are very few guests at the Springs now, the bleak, autumnal-like weather of the last few days having driven many of them back to their city homes. Yet a few more days and the erstwhile festive scene will wear the appearance of a banquet hall deserted. Talk, summer of '91!

—Gov. Buckner has been petitioned to appoint J. F. Holdam police judge here in place of A. M. Egbert deceased. Mr. Holdam has not yet received his commission, but will doubtless before S. B. Buckner & Co. surrender their baton of authority to John Young Brown and his pompous cavalcade.

—A big revival, conducted by Eld. J. W. Martin, of the Brodhead Christian church, is now in progress at Bethel church, near Bee Lick, and is melting with fervent heat both saint and sinner. Seventeen proselytes were baptized Sunday and the meeting will continue another week. Large crowds flock to hear each sermon and much good is being done.

—Four of the Davis boys and a fellow named Jim Vernon had a little fist and skull fracas at the picnic at Green Briar Springs Saturday, but before the combatants, who were all "three sheets in the breeze," could get on their real war paint, the brass band struck up "Yankee Doodle" and the whole party forsook Mars and fled to the shrine of Terpsichore. As in the days of Orpheus, music, it seems, still hath a charm to soothe the savage breast.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charley Curtis and Miss Bettie Russell were the guests of Misses Kate and Mary Curtis this week. W. M. Howard, who used to be a prominent merchant here, was in town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gardner went to McKinney Thursday to see the family of Mr. F. M. Ware. Mrs. W. J. Romans and daughter, Miss Rosa, of Lancaster, have been spending several days with Mrs. W. A. Carson.

—Col. J. Peter Chandler says his supporters are as numerous as autumn leaves in Vallambrosa and that he will certainly be doorkeeper of the next General Assembly. May be you will, my dear Colonel, but in case you don't "get there" we have suggested you to St. Pluto of the Brazen Tongue as a suitable fellow to be latch-lifter at one of the iron gates that goeth down to Tartarus. Look out for a commission and a free pass.

—Blessings never come singly, but by battalions, we are constrained to remark since the arrival of three new babies in town in as many days. Yes, Mr. J. D. Anderson is the proud daddy of a bouncing boy; Mr. Jim Burch is walking on stilts in ecstatic delight over the fine girl at his home and Mr. Clay Anderson is feeling as big as both of them over his first-born—a girl. Verily corn cribs and cradles will be in demand this year.

—Under the auspices of Capt. Samuel Hillis, of Lewis county, a G. A. R. Post of 14 charter members, was organized here Saturday, with George W. Patten as post commander. It was christened in honor of Lieut. Severance, who was killed at Stone River, and will be known as Severance Post, No. 192. There are yet some 12 or 15 more soldiers, who have signified their intention to become members, and these, with the half dozen who will remove their membership from Kingsville here, will make quite a flourishing commandery. Those who have been enrolled so far are: G. W. Patten, F. W. Dillon, John Warren, P. T. Pollard, A. H. Noakes, K. D. Noakes, Mathias Delaney, Wm. Severance, Bonaparte Adams, Wm. McCrea, John Davis, Granville Haley, Tom Chappell and Bob Parigin.

—J. W. Hallow, track inspector, was struck by a train near Winchester and killed.

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